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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL LIKELY TO ABSTAIN ON UNGA RESOLUTIONS
WITH ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS

REF: SECSTATE 159386

Pol-Econ officer met with MFA International Affairs Officer Joao Mora to urge Portugal to oppose, or at least abstain, in votes on this year's UNGA resolutions with an anti-Israel bias. Mora acknowledged that Portugal had similar concerns regarding biased draft resolutions and agreed to distribute the points with Portugal's representatives in Geneva, New York, and Washington. Nevertheless, Mora cautioned that, as EU President, Portugal would vote in keeping with the EU consensus opinion and therefore was likely to abstain again during this year's votes rather than oppose the measures.

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